

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. James L. Riney, Registered Agent Texas Mexican Railway Company P.O. Box 419 1200 Washington Street Laredo, TX 78040

> Re: Texas Mexican Railway Company Complaint, Compliance Order, and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

Dear Mr. Riney:

The enclosed document is a Complaint, Compliance Order, and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (complaint) alleging violations of the Hazardous Waste Regulations of the Texas Administrative Code. Texas Mexican Railway Company (Texas Mexican) should carefully read the complaint soon, since it describes its rights and responsibilities in this matter as well as EPA's authority, the factual basis of the violations, and the background for the proposed penalties. Also enclosed is a copy of the Consolidated Rules of Practice that govern these proceedings, as well as an information sheet about the Small Business Regulatory Fairness Act.

Texas Mexican is required to take action within 30 calendar days of your receipt of this Order to avoid the possibility of having a default judgment entered against it and the imposition of the penalty amount proposed in the complaint.

Whether or not Texas Mexican requests a hearing, we encourage an informal conference with EPA concerning the alleged violations in an effort to negotiate a settlement. Texas Mexican may wish to appear at an informal conference and/or be represented by legal counsel. To arrange for such a conference, Texas Mexican should contact Jim Eppers, Enforcement Attorney, Legal Enforcement Program, at the number provided below. Request for such a conference does not extend the 30 calendar day period during which a request for hearing must be submitted.

If Texas Mexican has technical questions relating to this matter, the person most knowledgeable on my staff is Eric Johnson, Technical Enforcement Program, at 1-800-227-8917 ext. 6357 or (303) 312-6357. For legal questions, the person most knowledgeable on my staff is Jim Eppers at 1-800-227-8917 ext. 6893 or (303) 312-6893. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Eppers can also be reached at the following addresses:

Eric Johnson (Mail Code 8ENF-RC) U.S. EPA Region 8 999 18th Street, Suite 300 Denver, Colorado 80202-2466, or

Jim Eppers (Mail Code 8ENF-L) Enforcement Attorney U.S. EPA Region 8 999 18th Street, Suite 300 Denver, Colorado 80202-2466.

We urge Texas Mexican's prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Rushin

Assistant Regional Administrator Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

Enclosures:

Proposed Administrative Order and Opportunity to Request Hearing 40 C.F.R. Part 22 U.S. EPA Small Business Resources Fact Sheet

cc: Chester Cully, Kansas City Southern Railway (certified, with all enclosures)
Rose Luna-Pirtle, TCEQ (with all enclosures)

1	UNITED STATES
2	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
3	REGION 8 2005 SEP 28 PM 3: 27
4	Docket No. RCRA-08-2005-0003
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6	EPA REGION VIII
7	In the Matter of:
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9	Texas Mexican Railway Company,) COMPLAINT, COMPLIANCE ORDER,
10	a Texas corporation) AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR
11) HEARING
12	Respondent.
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14	INTRODUCTION
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16	1. This civil administrative enforcement action is authorized by Congress in section 3008(a)
17	of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, also known as the Resource Conservation and Recovery
18	Act of 1976, as amended (RCRA or the Act), 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a). The rules for this
19	proceeding are the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative
20	Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders and
21	the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits ("Rules of Practice"),"
22	40 C.F.R. part 22, a copy of which is enclosed.
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24	2. The undersigned Region 8 United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officia
25	has been properly delegated the authority to issue this Complaint, Compliance Order, and
26	Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (complaint).
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28	3. EPA alleges that Texas Mexican Railway Company (Respondent) has violated the Texas
29	Administrative Code and proposes the assessment of a civil penalty and compliance
30	measures, as more fully explained below.
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32	NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING
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34	4. Respondent has the right to a public hearing before an administrative law judge to
35	disagree with any factual allegation made by EPA in the complaint, the appropriateness o
36	the proposed penalty, or to present the grounds for any legal defense it may have.
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38	5. To disagree with the complaint and assert its right to a hearing, Respondent must file a
39	written answer (and one copy) with the Region 8 Hearing Clerk at the following address:
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Region 8 Hearing Clerk 999 18th Street; Suite 300 (8RC) Denver, Colorado 80202

within 30 calendar days of receiving this complaint. The answer must clearly admit, deny or explain the factual allegations of the complaint, the grounds for any defense, the facts you may dispute, and your specific request for a public hearing. Please see section 22.15 of the Rules of Practice for a complete description of what must be in the answer. FAILURE TO FILE AN ANSWER AND REQUEST FOR HEARING WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS MAY WAIVE RESPONDENT'S RIGHT TO DISAGREE WITH THE ALLEGATIONS OR PROPOSED PENALTY, AND RESULT IN A DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND ASSESSMENT OF THE PENALTY PROPOSED IN THE COMPLAINT, OR UP TO THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED BY THE ACT.

QUICK RESOLUTION

6. Respondent may resolve this proceeding at any time by complying with the requirements of paragraphs 21 and 22 below and paying the penalty amount proposed in the complaint. Such action to comply and make payment need not contain any response to, or admission of, the allegations in the complaint. However, such action to comply and make payment constitutes a waiver of Respondent's right to contest the allegations and to appeal the final order. See section 22.18 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice for a full explanation of the quick resolution process. Payment of the penalty in this matter does not relieve respondent of its obligation to perform the activities required by the compliance order.

SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

7. EPA encourages discussing whether cases can be settled through informal settlement conferences. If you want to pursue the possibility of settling this matter, or have any other questions, contact James Eppers, Senior Enforcement Attorney, at [1-800-227-8917 extension 6893 or 303-312-6893] or at the address identified in paragraph 18 herein. Please note that calling Mr. Eppers or requesting a settlement conference does NOT delay the running of the 30 day period for filing an answer and requesting a hearing.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

The following general allegations apply to all times relevant to this action:

8. On September 11, 2000, pursuant to authority under section 3006(b) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6926(b), the U.S. EPA Administrator granted to the State of Texas final authorization to administer and enforce a hazardous waste program under RCRA. Under

- the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act (codified in chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code), the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has primary responsibility for administration of laws and regulations concerning hazardous waste. 65 Fed. Reg., No. 135, pg. 43247 (July 13, 2000).
- 9. Pursuant to sections 3008(a) and (g) and 3006(g) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6928(a) and (g) and 6926(g), EPA may enforce the federally approved Texas hazardous waste program by issuing an order assessing a civil penalty for any past or current violations of RCRA and requiring immediate compliance.
 - 10. The U.S. EPA has provided notice to the State of Texas of this complaint, and the administrative action proposed.

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- 11. On October 15, 1982, Texas Mexican Railway Company submitted a notification of hazardous waste activity to U.S. EPA in accordance with the requirements of section 3010(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6930(a). In this notification, Texas Mexican Railway Company identified itself as a transporter of hazardous waste.
 - 12. Section 335.11(g)(1) of the Texas Administrative Code provides, in part, that transporters who transport hazardous waste out of the United States shall indicate on the manifest, required by section 335.11 of the Texas Administrative Code, the date the hazardous waste left the United States.
 - 13. Between September 28, 2000 and July 29, 2003, Respondent accepted from CF&I Steel, L.P. d/b/a Rocky Mountain Steel Mills hundreds of shipments of hazardous waste, as defined in section 1004(5) of RCRA, 42. U.S.C. § 6903(5) and title 30, part 1, chapter 335, subchapter R, rule 335.504(2) of the Texas Administrative Code, each accompanied by a specific manifest, as required by section 335.10 of the Texas Administrative Code, and transported each specifically identified load of hazardous waste outside the United States and into Mexico.
 - 14. Attachment 1 is enclosed and incorporated herein and lists the manifests on which Respondent failed to identify the date the hazardous waste left the United States.
 - 15. The Respondent is Texas Mexican Railway Company, which is and was at all times relevant to this complaint a statutory corporation incorporated in 1875 under the law of the State of Texas, and the owner and operator of a railway between the Kansas City Southern Railway Company at Beaumont, Texas and TFM, S.A. de E.V. at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.
- 16. Respondent is a "person" as defined at section 1004(15) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6903(15) and title 30 part 1 chapter 3 rule §3.2 (25) of the Texas Administrative Code.

17. Respondent violated section 335.11(g)(1) of the Texas Administrative Code for failing, on numerous occasions, to indicate on the manifest the date the hazardous waste left the United States. Each such manifest represents a separate violation of a U.S. EPA authorized State hazardous waste program, and consequently, a violation of subchapter III of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6921, et.al., subjecting Respondent to the assessment of civil penalties, as provided for in section 3008(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a). Attachment 1 to this complaint lists each of those manifests with the omission.

PROPOSED CIVIL PENALTY

- 18. Section 3008(a)(3) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a)(3), authorizes EPA to assess a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per day for each violation whenever a person violates any requirement of subchapter III of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6921, et. al. This amount increases to \$27,500 per day for violations occurring on and after January 31, 1997 (See 40 C.F.R. part 19) and further increases to \$32,500 per day for each violation occurring on or after March 16, 2004. The Act requires EPA to take into account the following factors in assessing a civil penalty: the seriousness of the violation and any good faith efforts of the Respondent to comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a)(3). The penalty proposed below takes into account the statutory factors and was calculated in accordance with EPA's RCRA Civil Penalty Policy (June 2003). This policy is used by EPA to provide a rational and consistent application of the statutory factors to the facts and circumstances of a specific case. The reasoning behind this penalty is detailed in the penalty calculation for this case, incorporated herein and enclosed as Attachment 2.
- 19. In light of the statutory factors and the specific facts of this case, Complainant proposes that Respondent be assessed a civil penalty of forty-three thousand and ten dollars (\$43,010) for the violations alleged in this Complaint as explained below:

Respondent shall pay this penalty by certified check or money order, payable to "Treasurer, the United States of America," and remit to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 (Regional Hearing Clerk)
P.O. Box 360859M
Pittsburgh, PA 15251.

1		A copy of the check shall be sent to:
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3		Regional Hearing Clerk
4		U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8
5		999 18th Street, Suite 300
6		Denver, Colorado 80202-2466
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10		James H. Eppers 8ENF-L
11		Legal Enforcement Program
12		U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8
13		999 18 th Street, Suite 300
14		Denver, Colorado 80202-2466.
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16		A transmittal letter identifying this complaint shall accompany the remittance and the
17		copy of the check.
18	19.	The administrative law judge is not bound by EPA's penalty policy or the penalty
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25	20.	This complaint does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of the
26		requirements of any applicable provision of the Act or the RCRA regulations
27		implementing the Act, which remain in full force and effect. Issuance of this complaint i
28		not an election by the EPA to forego any civil or any criminal action otherwise authorized
29		under the Act.
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31		COMPLIANCE ORDER
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33	21.	Pursuant to authority under section 3008(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a), Respondent
	21.	is hereby ordered to immediately, and at all times, comply with section 335.11(g)(1) of
34		the Texas Administrative Code.
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Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Complaint, Compliance Order, and Notice of 22. 1 Opportunity for Hearing, Respondent shall submit to EPA a written, detailed description 2 of the steps that will be taken to ensure Respondent's future compliance with Section 3 335.11(g)(1) of the Texas Administrative Code (accompanied by a copy of any 4 appropriate supporting documentation), and written confirmation of its compliance with 5 those requirements. The submission referred to above shall be sent to: 6 7 Eric Johnson 8ENF-RC 8 9 Technical Enforcement Program U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 10 999 18th Street Suite 300 11 Denver, CO 80202-2466. 12 13 14 Issued this 28th day of 1 15 16 17 18 Carol Rushin 19 Assistant Regional Administrator 20 Office of Enforcement, Compliance, 21 and Environmental Justice 22 U.S. EPA, Region 8 23 999 18th Street, Suite 300 24 Denver, CO 80202-2466 25

ATTACHMENT 1

Violations of Manifest Requirements Texas Regulation: TX Administrative Code Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 335 Subchapter A, Rule 335.11(g)(1)

Transporter #3 Date Shipped Manifest Number

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ATTACHMENT 2 NARRATIVE EXPLANATION TO SUPPORT \$43,010 PENALTY FOR: TEXAS MEXICAN RAILWAY COMPANY

Pursuant to Section 3008(a)(3) and (g) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a)(3) and (g), EPA proposes the assessment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$43,010 against Texas Mexican Railway Company ("Respondent") for the following violation:

VIOLATION #1 -

The Respondent violated Texas Administrative Code, Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 335, Subchapter A, Rule 335.11(g)(1) by failing to provide on 389 manifests (block #15) the date hazardous waste left the United States to a foreign source (Mexico).

1. Gravity Based Penalty: \$330

Potential for Harm: Minor - Respondent's failure to provide the date on 389 manifests for hazardous waste shipped to a foreign source constitutes a minor harm to the integrity of the RCRA program. By signing manifests with the specified date that hazardous waste left the United States, facilities demonstrate to EPA that they are properly managing hazardous wastes from cradle-to-grave, and are properly implementing the record-keeping aspect of the RCRA requirements. The Respondent's failure to date manifests has a minor adverse effect on statutory or regulatory purposes or procedures for implementing the RCRA program.

Extent of Deviation: Minor - By failing to date manifests when hazardous waste left the United States, the Respondent deviated from the regulatory requirements. Based on manifests reviewed, the Respondent has implemented some of the record-keeping requirements as intended (i.e., signing and dating manifests after receipt of hazardous waste from the first transporter), but failed to provide the required date that hazardous wastes were shipped to a foreign source.

The Revised RCRA Civil Penalty Policy penalty assessment matrix provides a range of penalty amounts in the <u>minor</u> potential for harm/<u>minor</u> extent of deviation category. The penalty amounts range from \$110 to \$549 for the first-day gravity-based component. This violation was assessed \$330 for the first-day gravity-based penalty.

2. Multiple/Multi-day Penalty: \$42,680

A multi-day penalty was assessed for a total period of 388 days of violation of these regulations (389 days of violation minus one(1)). The Respondent was found to be in violation of record-keeping aspects of the RCRA requirements. This violation

was found during 389 shipments of hazardous wastes between the time period September 28, 2000 through July 29, 2003.

The Revised RCRA Civil Penalty Policy penalty assessment matrix provides a fixed penalty amount in the minor potential for harm/minor extent of deviation multiple/multi-day category. The penalty amount is \$110. Multi-day penalties are discretionary for days 2-389 of violations designated minor/minor. This violation was assessed using \$330 for the gravity based penalty and \$110 for the multi-day penalty. The multi-day penalty was calculated as follows: 388 days of violation x \$110 = \$42,680.

3. Adjustment Factors

The information currently available to EPA does not justify use of discretionary adjustment factors to modify the assessed penalty amount. No evidence has been produced which indicates either the demonstration, or lack of good faith, willingness, negligence, or a history of noncompliance with respect to the same violation.

4. Economic Benefit

The Facility appears to have gained no economic benefit from this violation; i.e., the benefit, if any, was less than \$2,500.

5. Penalty

\$ 43,010

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Technical Enforcement Program

9/27/05

Date

PENALTY COMPUTATION WORKSHEET

Company Name: Company Address: P.O. Box 419

Texas Mexican Railway Company

1200 Washington Street Laredo, Texas 78040

TX Admin. Code, Title 30, Part 1, Regulation Violated:

Chapter 335, Subchapter A, Rule

335.11(g)(1)

Failure to indicate on manifests the Requirement Violated:

date hazardous waste left the United

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PENALTY AMOUNT FOR COMPLAINT

4	Gravity based penalty from matrix	\$330
1.	Gravity based penalty from matrix	4330
	(a) Potential for harm	minor
	(b) Extent of deviation	minor
2.	Select an amount from the appropriate multi-day matrix cell	\$110
3.	Multiply line 2 by number of days of violation minus 1	\$110 x 388 = \$42,680
4.	Add line 1 and line 3	\$43,010
5.	Percent decrease for good faith	N/A
6.	Percent increase for willfulness/negligence	N/A
7.	Percent increase for history of noncompliance	N/A
8.	Total lines 5 through 7	N/A
9.	Multiply line 4 by line 8	N/A
10.	Calculate economic benefit	N/A
11.	Add lines 4, 9 and 10 for penalty amount to be inserted into the complaint	\$43,010

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the original and one true copy of this Complaint, Compliance Order, and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing were hand carried to the Regional Hearing Clerk, EPA Region 8, 999 18th Street, Denver, Colorado, and that true copies were sent Certified Mail; Return Receipt Requested to:

Mr. James L. Riney, Registered Agent Texas Mexican Railway Company P.O. Box 419 1200 Washington Street Laredo, TX 78040

and

Chester Culley
General Director
Kansas City Southern Railway Company
427 West 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64121-9335.

Dated: 9/28/05

By: Judith McTernan

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PART 22—CONSOLIDATED RULES OF PRACTICE GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT OF CIVIL PENALTIES AND THE REVOCATION/TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF PERMITS

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- 22.6 Filing and service of rulings, orders and decisions.
 - 22.7 Computation and extension of time. 22.8 Ex parte discussion of proceeding. 22.9 Examination of documents filed.

Subpart B—Parties and Appearances

- 22.10 Appearances. 22.11 Intervention and non-party briefs. 22.12 Consolidation and severance.

Subpart C-Prehearing Procedures

- 22.13 Commencement of a proceeding. Complaint.
 - Answer to the complaint. Motions. 2 2 2 3 3 2 2 2 3 3 2 3 3 5 1

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- 22.18 Quiok resolution; settlement; alternative dispute resolution.
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addendum to 7-1-2004 Part 22

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR PART 22

[FRL-7855-6]

Clarification of Address for Documents Filed With EPA's Environmental Appeals Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is amending the regulations that pertain to filing appeals and other documents with the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) under the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (CROP). Specifically, EPA is amending two regulations that specify the addresses where notices of appeal, accompanying briefs, and other documents must be filed, to provide that any filings made through the U.S. mail service must be addressed to the EAB's mailing address, and that any filings made by hand-delivery or courier must be made to the EAB's hand-delivery address. The amendments are intended to make the regulations consistent with current Agency practice and to provide clear guidance on the proper address to use under various circumstances. EFFECTIVE DATE: This final rule is effective on December 28, 2004. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eurika Durr, Clerk of the Board. Telephone number: (202) 233-0122. Email: Durr.Eurika@epa.gov. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is directed to the public in